



Travis County Emergency Management

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Travis County responds to flooding

Flooding is occurring in many parts of Travis County, but especially in the Onion Creek watershed. Additional rain is expected this evening and in the early morning hours. Everyone should monitor local weather reports; avoid flood waters, and remember to "Turn around. Don't Drown."

Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR) and the Sheriff's Office report that many roads are closed, and additional closures are expected. A list of road closures is located on the County website at: www.traviscountytexas.gov. Please check this website and stay tuned to local media for updates. TNR Road and Bridge crews are working to close flooded roadways, but drivers should not enter flood waters, especially at night when water depth is difficult to gauge. Low-water crossing closure information is available at: atxfloods.com.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office has conducted limited evacuations in the Del Valle area and is conducting rescue operations with the Austin Fire Department and other agencies on scene. In addition, the County is coordinating with the City to shelter displaced residents and will move into the phases of re-entry and debris removal when the weather allows. Shelter information is available at: www.traviscountytexas.gov.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office has found a driver, who was missing in flood waters, deceased at the 10300 Block of FM 1625. He is described as a man in his late 40s or early 50s. His name is being withheld, pending notification of next of kin.

An elderly man and woman also went missing at 8320 Citation. The man was found alive, but the woman is still missing.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office is working a house collapse and gas leak at 10600 Ruidosa. The Austin Fire Department has also responded to the location.

STAR Flight has three EC-145 aircraft assisting with swift-water rescues. They have performed many rescues today. **STAR Flight** asks drone operators to stay away from evolving emergency situations for the safety of emergency responders. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) for commercial purposes is prohibited without approval from the FAA. For more information, go to: <https://www.faa.gov/uas/faq/#qn2>.

The public can also find emergency message updates at Travis County Emergency Services Facebook ([TravisCoEmergencyServices](#)) and Twitter (@TravisCountyES) pages.

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